

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Shady Deals Site Columbia, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract until March 26, 2013.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, VCC 13-5202-NRP, will affect approximately 11 acres identified by tax map numbers 22914-08-01, 22914-06-03 through -08, and 22914-06-16 and -17. This property is located at 10254 through 10270 Two Notch Road in Columbia, SC.

This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and a company known as MPG Two Notch, LLC (MPG Two Notch). MPG Two Notch wants to acquire the property for development with a retail shopping center.

Past industrial activities at the property included auto repair and painting. Previous environmental investigations have identified contaminants in groundwater on this property. Use of chemicals and fuel in former industrial operations on this property or other nearby properties may have contaminated soil and groundwater on this property.

If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow MPG Two Notch, LLC to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of possible environmental pollution on the property. MPG did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold MPG responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for the work MPG Two Notch will do under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, MPG Two Notch will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The Voluntary Cleanup Contract does not reduce the responsibility of former owners or operators of the site.

The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/publicnotice.htm. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882. The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract until March 26, 2013. Questions or comments may be directed to Angela Gorman, Project Manger, email gormanak@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 896-4121 or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Angela Gorman at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.